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President Carter waves to staff at the White House as he leaves for Camp David to rest after his year-long election campaign.

New Right scores smashing successes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new right-wing coalition of wealthy conservatives and fundamentalist Christian political activists succeeded in gaining the defeat of most of the half-dozen liberal U.S. senators it targeted for ouster on election day.

In an interview six weeks ago, Jerry Falwell of the Moral Majority ticked off a hit list of Senate Democrats who had run afoul of his evangelical movement. Among those on the New Right's hit list were Democrat Warren Magnuson of Washington State, George McGovern of South Dakota, Frank Church of Idaho, John Culver of Iowa, Birch Bayh of Indiana, Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, Alan Cranston of California.

On Tuesday, all but Mr. Cranston were shot down along with several other liberal Senate Democrats in an election-day barrage that installed conservative Republicans in their place.

Mr. Falwell's 16-month-old fundamental Christian movement cannot claim sole credit for the Democratic massacre, but it can boast a major role.

A network of conservative groups, from wealthy businessmen to Mr. Falwell's followers, worked in concert under the banner of the New Right.

Its success was achieved with early organization, plenty of money, vigorous campaigns that kept the targeted candidates on the defensive and, perhaps, an ability to prophesy the U.S. political mood better than the opposition.

Moral Majority also takes credit for helping defeat Alaska Senator Mike Gravel and Alabama Senator Donald Stewart in their Democratic primaries.

Moral Majority is not invincible, though. In addition to Mr. Cranston, Thomas Eagleton of Missouri survived the conservatives' fire, and of eight House of Representatives candi-

dates supported by the religious group, only two were elected.

Another major force that worked for the defeat of Senate liberals was the National Conservative Political Action Committee, a well-financed group based in Arlington, Va., which organized five years ago to defeat Senator McGovern, Senator Church, Senator Bayh, Senator Culver, Senator Cranston and Senator Eagleton.

In addition, the Republican National Committee jumped in with its own Democratic hit list that produced another casualty, Senator John Durkin of New Hampshire.

All told, with help from the independent conservative forces, the Republican Party knocked off nine of the 13 Democrats it targeted, failing to get Senator Cranston, Senator Eagleton, Senator Gary Hart of Colorado and Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

In the House, the Republicans succeeded in defeating only about half of the 51 Democrats it had targeted for defeat.

Several New Right spokesmen bragged about the voting results yes-

terday. "If I were a liberal politician running for re-election in 1982, I would be quaking in my boots," one spokesman said.

He said his group has not officially "targeted" any senator for 1982, but he added with a smile that "I have written down a few names."

He named six Democrats: Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, George Mitchell of Maine, Donald Riegle of Michigan, John Melcher of Montana and Quentin Burdick of North Dakota. "Although this may upset some of our friends," the records of three Republicans "deserve to be looked at very carefully," the spokesman said.

He said those Republican senators are Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, Robert Stafford of Vermont and John Chafee of Rhode Island.

He even had a warning for Mr. Reagan, who has long been a main standard-bearer for conservatives. If Mr. Reagan's actions as president should stray from strict conservative principles, "he will pay the political price."